



## TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Public Safety Committee  
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312  
March 1, 2018  
8:00 AM

### Minutes

#### Attendance

Leon Davidoff, Chair  
Chris Barnes (by phone)  
Shari Cantor  
Beth Kerrigan (by phone)  
Liam Sweeney  
Ben Wenograd (by phone)  
Chris Williams

#### Staff

Matt Hart, Town Manager  
Gary Allyn, Fire Chief (by phone)  
Dan Coppinger, Interim Police Chief  
Robert McCue, Assistant Police Chief  
Peter Privitera, Finance Director  
Mike Sinsigalli, Assistant Fire Chief  
Richard Winn, Assistant Fire Chief

#### Invited Guests

Terri Atwood, CT Health

#### **Members of the Public**

1. Call to Order: Chairman Davidoff called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.
2. Committee Correspondence: Chairman Davidoff acknowledged receipt of the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes.
3. Police Update: Interim Police Chief Dan Coppinger provided this update to the committee. The Hartford Insurance Group has signed off on the MOU agreement regarding the radio equipment. The department will continue to keep the committee abreast of this project.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin has scheduled a meeting to discuss car thefts in the Hartford region. The department will be in attendance and will provide a status report at the next Public Safety meeting.

The department has increased its presence at all schools following the recent school shooting in Florida and continues to work with other agencies to monitor potential threats, locally and nationally.

4. Fire Update:

- a. Town Manager Matt Hart reviewed the attorney opinion letter regarding the write-off policy for paramedic services. The letter provided background and analysis on the issue. The firm believes the proposed arrangement would pose minimal risk but recommends the Town receive an Advisory Opinion from the Office of Inspector General (OIG).
- b. Town Manager Matt Hart discussed the need for an organizational effectiveness and efficiency evaluation to critically assess Town operations and review best practices. The evaluation is a 2 part study which compares services and risk management. The process would include submitting a request for qualifications which would allow the staff to interview for specific criteria.

Staff will begin working with consultants in March and will start the interview process in April in order to get data and recommendations. There are costs associated with the study and staff has set aside \$150,000.

The committee will be updated after the RFQ process is complete.

5. Adjournment: Chairman Davidoff adjourned the meeting at 8:58 AM.